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SUBJECT: CIEC: PROPOSED US CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARIAT

REF: A. OECD PARIS 1559, B. STATE 8423

1. AS MISSION HAS REPORTED (REF A) SMALL SECRETARIAT IS BEING ORGANIZED TO HANDLE COMMISSIONS UNDER THE CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC). WHILE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE FINAL UNTIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (FAC) MEETS ON FEB. 2, TO APPROVE DRAFT BUDGET, PROFESSIONAL STAFF IS NEEDED RIGHT AWAY TO PREPARE FOR IMPENDING SESSIONS. SUCH STAFF MEMBERS WOULD JOIN CIEC SECRETARIAT ON INTERIM AUTHORITY GIVEN BY CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUITTON ON UNDERSTANDING THAT STAFF MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY CONTINUE AFTER FAC MEETS FOR DURATION OF CIEC (I.E. AT LEAST THROUGH THE END OF 1976, AS MATTERS NOW APPEAR).

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AMERICAN AVAILABLE BOTH BECAUSE WE SEE ADVANTAGE TO HAVING A MAN ON THE SECRETARIAT AND BECAUSE WE WISH TO DEMONSTRATE OUR INTEREST TO

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WORK HARD FOR SUCCESSFUL CIEC. DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED

IN REF B THAT IT INTENDS TO NOMINATE AMERICAN TO CIEC SECRETARIAT SOON. BECAUSE OF NEED TO MAKE AMERICAN CANDIDATE AVAILABLE TO BEGIN WORK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, WE HAVE LOOKED AROUND IN PARIS FOR SUITABLE AMERICAN CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME WE COULD PROPOSE TO GUITTON AND CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMAN IMMEDIATELY. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OTHER SUGGESTION FOR OFFICER WHO CAN BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE FSO DAVID LANGHAUG FOR ONE OF FOUR LINE OFFICER SLOTS. LANGHAUG HAS GOOD ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE BACKGROUND PLUS EXPERIENCE ON AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF (SEATO). HE IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO REGIONAL FINANCE DATA PROCESSING CENTER IN PARIS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH ADMIN COUNSELOR WHO HAS TAKEN IT UP WITH RFC. LANGHAUG COULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IF RFC HAS ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL BE REPLACED IF LANGHAUG'S ASSIGNMENT IS INDEED CONFIRMED AT END OF INTERIM PERIOD.

3. NOMINATION WOULD BE MADE BY LETTER TO CIEC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUITTON WITH COPY TO CANADIAN OECD PERMREP MACLEAN (ACTING AS CIEC G-8 CO-CHAIRMAN). IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THERE MAY BE MORE G-8 CANDIDATES THAN SLOTS AVAILABLE TO G-8, LANGHAUG MAY OR MAY NOT BE CHOSEN. IF SELECTED BY GUITTON, LANGHAUG WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO CIEC SECRETARIAT ON REIMBURSABLE DETAIL, I.E. HE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ON STATE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL AND ALL EMOLUMENT PAYABLE TO HIS POSITION WOULD BE CREDITED TO USG. AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM REF A REIMBURSABLE DETAIL IS STILL UNRESOLVED ISSUE IN CIEC BUT WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE APPROVED AS ACCEPTABLE DEFINITIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR DURATION OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, SHOULD CIEC NOT APPROVE REIMBURSABLE DETAIL AS DEFINITIVE ARRANGEMENT OR SHOULD GUITTON WISH FOR SOME REASON TO TERMINATE ASSIGNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF INTERIM PERIOD, LANGHAUG WOULD RETURN TO RFC. UNDER ANY ARRANGEMENT, WE WOULD LIKE IT UNDERSTOOD AT OUTSET THAT USOECD WOULD PREPARE LANGHAUG'S OER FOR PERIOD IN WHICH HE SERVES ON CIEC SECRETARIAT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION ASAP TO NOMINATE FSO LANGHAUG TO CIEC SECRETARIAT ON UNDERSTANDINGS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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